



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH DATA ORGANIZATIONS
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Ms. Susan L Kaufman
Assistant Commissioner
Massachusetts Division of Health Care Finance and Policy
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Boston, MA 02116

VIA EMAIL

Dear Ms. Kaufman,

Re: 114.5 CMR 22.00: Health Care Claims Data Release

The National Association of Health Data Organizations (NAHDO) is submitting these comments in support of the draft regulations for health care claims data submission and release (114.5 CMR 22.00: Health Care Claims Data Release).

Through these regulations, Massachusetts joins a growing number of states that are implementing similar systems and these regulations are consistent with other states implementing health claims reporting systems. Controlled release of the data for authorized uses will facilitate research and evaluation while protecting patient privacy and confidentiality.

Health care claims data bases are an emerging data source to fill critical information gaps as policymakers and industry leaders seek solutions for transforming health care delivery. NAHDO and the Regional All Payer Health Information Council (RAPHIC) are engaged with states, including Massachusetts, to promote uniformity and comparability of the data and to share innovative solutions to technical challenges.

NAHDO looks forward to work with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Denise Love
Executive Director